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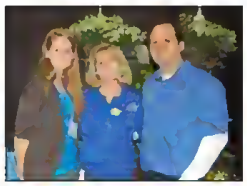
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Stylists fight back



Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Hairstylists push back, against the Ontario College of Trades and new regulatory fees, with support from Progressive Conservative MPPs Garfield Dunlop, Simcoe North, and Julia Munro, York Simcoe. The Cut the Salon Tax campaign came to First Choice Haircutters in Bradford, April 22.

Hairstylists go to school to learn their salon skills.

They study, serve an apprenticeship, and finally "graduate" to employment in a salon, in a customer service-oriented industry.

But under the new Ontario College of Trades, established by the McGuinty government in 2009, they are now required to also have a Grade 12 diploma, write and pass a written test, and pay an additional fee - $150 plus HST to take the test, $120 plus HST per year for their "ticket" from the Ontario College of Trades.

Salons and stylists are fighting back. They have launched a "Cut the Salon Tax" campaign and organized the Ontario Hairstylists' Association to bring the new regulations to the attention of the public, and push back against the additional costs - and requirements that could drive some long-time stylists out of the business.

If a stylist can't pass the test, no matter how skilled they may be, they can't practice their art - "taking people out of this trade, and making it difficult for salons to find skilled people," said Lynda Murphy, spokesperson for the campaign.

"There are still a lot of hairstylists who don't know about it," Murphy added. "We get nothing out of this. We don't need it.... This is an unnecessary tax. They're trying to regulate us, and it's not required!"

The hairstylists have the support of the Progressive Conservatives. MPP for Simcoe-North Garfield Dunlop, PC Critic for Skilled Trades and Apprenticeship Reform, has been taking a critical look at the operation of the Ontario College of Trades, and on April 22, met with stylists at First Haircutters Salon in Bradford to make a promise: If elected, the PCs will abolish the Ontario College of Trades.

"I've never seen anything so badly done... The people who are paying the bill, the 157 trades - they're not being communicated with," said MPP Dunlop. "It's a huge bureaucracy that's been created, on Bay St. of all places" - complete with "enforcement cops."

He noted that the College already has 11 staff members on the "Sunshine List", earning over $100,000 a year - "and you're paying for it," Dunlop told the stylists.

Opposition to the College has been growing, he said. Initially, 7 organizations formed a coalition to oppose the new regulatory college. "That coalition has now grown to 41," representing about 350,000 employees - and is growing again, with the application by the Carpenters' Trade Board to have carpentry declared a Compulsory Trade under the College.

If that happens, long-time carpenters, renovators and framers

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The Good Friday Easter Egg Hunt at Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, north of Bradford, is an Easter tradition - and children ages 8 and under and their families began lining up at 8:15 a.m. on April 18, waiting for the doors to open.
They met the Easter Bunny - like Layla, almost 3, above - and hunted for chocolate eggs among the plants, planters and brilliant spring blooms. The Easter Egg Hunt was free, but donations of non-perishable food for the Helping Hand Food Bank were gratefully accepted.

Enforcement, for Commercial vehicles

Poor maintenance, equipment failure, broken parts, insecure loads, lack of documentation - those are the key reasons for Commercial Vehicles to be pulled from the road.

In Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil, Commercial Vehicle Enforcement blitzes generally remove the plates from 1 in 3 commercial vehicles stopped, for one or more of those reasons.

Constable Jason VanderSar, a member of the South Simcoe Police Traffic & Marine Unit and the Police Service's only Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance-certified Inspector, noted that in a recent blitz, 37% of the commercial vehicles stopped had their plates removed, well above the provincial average of 27%.

PC VanderSar regularly works with other police services and the Ministry of Transportation, to carry out Commercial Vehicle inspections. He is certified to "look underneath" the vehicles, checking for everything from broken leaf springs, to drive train problems. He is also the Service's only "Dangerous Goods" Inspector, certified to check the transportation of fuels, propane and other hazardous materials.

VanderSar was describing his job - and some of the worst infractions on local roads - at the April 14 meeting of the Bradford West Gwillimbury - Innisfil Police Services Board.

There was the dilapidated van pulled over on 10 Sideroad. Not only did the vehicle have brake issues, there were two children in the back of the van, in car seats secured with a home-made seatbelt.

The van was pulled from the road - and Children's Aid was notified.

Then there was the flatbed truck carrying a 56,000 lb. bulldozer - secured with a single chain. "You need a minimum of 4 chains," each rated for at least half the weight of the load, VanderSar explained.

A truckload of security fencing not only had an insufficient number of straps securing the load, the load had shifted and was listing dangerously. A pick-up truck was stopped carrying an unmarked fuel cell, secured by a single non-standard strap.

"If there's any imminent possibility of any of these items falling off and onto the road," even if it's only a small item left insecure in the back, a vehicle can be pulled over and the plates removed, VanderSar said.

Last year, South Simcoe Police received well over 200 complaints regarding commercial vehicles - most of them for dump trucks, hauling fill from subway construction in Toronto to a site in Innisfil, west of County Rd. 27. Complaints included speeding, running stop signs and red lights - and at least one collision.

There is a gap in enforcement: despite half-load restrictions on area roads, South Simcoe Police currently can't issue charges for overweight commercial vehicles, because the Town does not own a set of certified weigh scales - and police are hesitant to involve private scale owners, when charges may be laid.

VanderSar presented a business case for purchasing the scales, which run about $12,800 a pair - noting that the Town's share of the hefty fines under the Highway Traffic Act would recoup the cost "pretty quick."

Otherwise, he said, "It's unenforceable, unless we're doing a blitz with the Ministry."

R.I.D.E. programs

South Simcoe Police conducted RIDE programs in both Bradford and Innisfil on April 18, administering a number of roadside screening tests which resulted in two WARN-range suspensions - one for 3 days, and the other for 7 days. A number of warnings were also issued for Highway Traffic Act violations.

On April 19, RIDE programs continued in South Simcoe. Four WARN-range roadside licence suspensions were issued.

And on April 20, shortly after 1 a.m., an Officer stopped a vehicle on Lockhart Rd. in Innisfil, and detected an odour of alcohol on the male driver's breath. The driver was arrested and taken to North Division for breath testing. The 37 year old Innisfil man was subsequently charged with Impaired Operation and Over .080. His vehicle was impounded for 7 days, he was given a 90 day administrative driver's licence suspension, and released with a court date in May. Drivers who register a blood-alcohol concentration in the Warn range (.05 to .08) pose a danger to themselves and other road users, and will receive an immediate roadside suspension, of 3 days for a first offence, 7 days for a second occurrence - and referral to a remedial alcohol education program.

A third or subsequent offence within 5 years will result in a 30-day roadside suspension, required participation in a remedial alcohol treatment program, and installation of an ignition interlock device, for 6 months. An administrative monetary penalty is also imposed on drivers suspended for registering in the Warn Range. Roadside suspensions can't be appealed.

Bark Park closed until May 5

The Scanlon Creek Bark Park off-leash dog park, at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area north of Bradford, will be closed until May 5, for seasonal maintenance. See www.LSRCA.on.ca for more information.

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Stylists fight back against OCT

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could find themselves shut out of the business - forced to take an apprenticeship, although there is a shortage of apprenticeship placements; made to write a written test although a highly skilled tradesman might not be proficient in English.

"You'd have to be out of your mind to do that. We're going to fight that all the way," said Dunlop, promising that the Ontario College of Trades "will be an election issue... The NDP and the Liberals both support the Ontario College of Trades. They've had opportunities to vote this down."

"They're trying to say the Ontario College of Trades is trying to save the average consumer from 'bad trades'," said Murphy.



She suggested the College is more interested in the money, than consumer protection: although she hasn't been "behind the chair" since the late 1990s, Murphy was able to send in her documentation and received her Hairstylists' card, on paying the $120 plus HST. "They wanted my $137."

Another stylist said she had paid her fee in August 2013 - but still hadn't received her ticket.

"It makes no sense," said York Simcoe MPP Julia Munro, who joined Dunlop at the Salon. "That's why we made the commitment, that we would end it.... To us, it's job-killing. It's a totally inappropriate way to go into the future."

Photo: From left, MPP Garfield Dunlop, MPP Julia Munro, with Lynda Murphy.

Proclaiming Dutch Liberation Day

Council has proclaimed Monday, May 5 as Dutch Liberation Day in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Whereas: In the Netherlands, Liberation Day - Bevrijdingsdag - is celebrated each year on May 5, to mark the end of the occupation by Nazi Germany during World War II; and

Whereas: In 1945 the nation was liberated largely by Canadian troops; it was Canadian General Charles Foulkes who negotiated the capitulation of the German forces in the Netherlands under German Commander-in-Chief Johannes Blaskowitz; and

Whereas: In gratitude for the role of Canada's Troops, and as thanks for sheltering of Queen Juliana and members of the Dutch Royal Family in Canada during the war years, an annual gift of 20,000 tulip bulbs is given to Ottawa to commemorate this international friendship; and

Whereas: This is the 69th Anniversary of the Liberation of the Netherlands; the recollection of these historic events and celebration of the lasting bonds between the 2 countries gives all an opportunity to pause and reflect on Canadian values and ideals of freedom, democracy and human rights; and

Whereas: The flag-raising ceremony also celebrates the significant contributions Dutch-Canadians have made to both the province and the community;

Therefore Be It Resolved: That his Worship Mayor Doug White and Members of Council proclaim May 5 as Dutch Liberation Day in the Town of BWG. **There will be a Flag-raising at the Bradford Courthouse, 57 Holland St. E., at 2:30 p.m. on May 5.**

Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute AGM

On Mon., April 28, the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute hosts its Annual General Meeting at the Tec-We-Gwill WI Hall in Newton Robinson. Potluck Lunch - bring a favourite dish. For details, call Sylvia, 705-435-7736 or Glenna, 705-458-1510.

Casual '50s-'60s Reunion for BDHS alumni

Bradford District High School Grads and Alumni from the mid-1950s to the mid-60s are invited to an informal BDHS '50s-60s Grad Reunion on Saturday, April 26, from 1 p.m. to early evening, at China Gardens Restaurant, 382 Holland St. W. Free - except for what you order at the Restaurant; just bring your good memories, photos, etc., to share. For more information, contact James, 519-881-1188; Bob at 905-898-6872; or Bill, 416-705-9581.



"Regency cottage" on John St. W. demolished April 11 may have been of heritage significance.

letters to the editor

Heritage lessons not learned

To the editor: It is difficult to sympathize with the efforts of Council regarding the Revitalization of the Downtown, when the Town allows the demolition of important heritage buildings - especially when one considers that the core collection of heritage buildings are the chief asset that might attract people to the area.

I refer to 89 John St. West, which was recently demolished for a new house. This was probably a pre-confederation house, and one of the best examples of the Regency cottage style in Bradford, and it should have been preserved on site or relocated to a new site.

If the Town insists on issuing demolition permits to owners of heritage buildings, without notifying the Heritage Committee, then at least they should insist on a professional heritage assessment from the owner, and that the Heritage Committee is given access, to photograph and record architectural details. We have needlessly lost four or five valuable heritage buildings over the last 10 years. What have we learned?

Dave Chambers, Bond Head

Rooted in Community support

To the editor: The Board of Directors of the Bradford West Gwillimbury & District Community Foundation would like to thank all of the people who made the "Rooted in Community" evening a resounding success.

Elisabeth Nanowski, playing the flute, provided delightful music as all gathered.

The 3 speakers tackled the interesting topic, "Anatomy of Life Planning." Tami Kitay, Senior BWG Planner, spoke about the facilities available in the community for those who are contemplating "downsizing" or moving to assisted living residences. Kevin Shackleton, investment advisor at RBC Dominion Securities, outlined the process for Personal and Estate Planning - and Roy Gordon, barrister and solicitor, highlighted the legal pros and cons of planning for your future. A lively Question & Answer period ensued.

The Silent Auction of artwork saw some brisk bidding. Heartfelt thanks to artists Pauline Holancin, Ingrid Schienke, Meade Helman, Stella Wadsworth, Vicky Topp (Krystal Energy), Richardis Bianchi, Karen Lee, Marcia Lee, Corrine Donnelly and Mikki Nanowski for their generous donations. We live in a talented community!

Rosa Severino, of Rosa's Culinary Delights, provided delicious refreshments, and Linda Donaher, of Linda's Floral Designs, the lovely flower arrangement. And thank you to Helen Neville, Ingrid Schienke and Mikki Nanowski for setting up the room, and to all who attended and added to the success of this enjoyable evening. We raised $1,700.

The March 31 event, moderated by Bob Evans, continued the tradition of providing important information, in a friendly atmosphere, to the citizens of our community.

BWG & District Community Foundation Board

Autism Awareness thanks

To the editor: The Autism Awareness Day flag-raising on April 2 was a beautiful and memorable event.

A huge Thank You to Autism Ontario and Bank of Montreal, who provided the Autism Awareness flag; The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury for allowing our event to take place and supporting us. Karen Gill was a huge help in making this event happen, and keeping me informed every step of the way, and it warmed the hearts of many that Mayor Doug White spent so much time with the children, and was eager to learn more about the hardships faced by families of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Thank you to South Simcoe Police for attending the flag-raising event, and more importantly, for keeping our community safe and helping to bring awareness; Cardwell Signs of Barrie, who donated and helped customize the Jeeps with Autism Awareness graphics - all completed in less than 48 hours! Lomonte & Collings Insurance, who provided insurance for the Jeep to be at the flag-raising; Bradford Rental whose donation helped make this event a success; Canadian Tire Store, which provided all of the beverages; Crumbs Bakeshop, for the delicious cupcakes; Big Momma's Soul Food Restaurant, for the warm Jamaican Patties; and LP - huge thanks, for giving us that extra push everyday, and helping so many families in our community. To all that volunteered and attended, we would like to thank you for being part of such a special day.

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Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

- May 6 @ 7:00 p.m. - BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Municipal Heritage Committee
- Mon. April 28 @ 7:00 p.m. - Zima Room, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W

Library Board
- Mon. April 28 @ 7:00 p.m. - Boardroom, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W

Appeals Committee
- Wed. April 30 @ 4:30 p.m. - Boardroom, Engineering Services, 305 Barrie St

Police Services Board
- Mon. May 5 @ 7:00 p.m. – 81 Melbourne Drive, SSP, Jonkman Community Rm.

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NOTICES

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Procession of Lady Fatima – Evening Vigil

TAKE NOTICE that the temporary "rolling" road closure for Saturday, May 10, 2014 from 8:00pm to 9:00pm will take place at the following locations:

Essa Street, from Holy Martyrs of Japan Church to Hurd Street
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Church Street, from Hurd Street to Holy Martyrs of Japan Church

ROAD CLOSURE
For The Procession of Our Lady of Fatima

TAKE NOTICE that the temporary road closure for Sunday, May 11, 2014 from 1:00pm to 2:30pm will take place at the following locations:

Essa Street, from Holy Martyrs of Japan Church to Fox Run Lane,
Fox Run Lane from Essa Street to Northgate Drive,
Northgate Drive from Fox Run Lane to Fletcher Street,
Fletcher Street, from Northgate Drive to Church Street
Church Street, from Fletcher Street to Holy Martyrs of Japan Church.

Town Wide Spring Flushing

Residents are advised that the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Water Division will be starting their town wide annual program of flushing water hydrants. Water will be run at every hydrant to ensure a clean and fresh water supply for our municipal water customers.

This program will run from April 14 to May 30, 2014. The flushing will take place during the day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, Monday to Friday.

We hope to undertake the work on an area-by-area basis, but as the work may affect adjacent areas, we ask all customers to be patient during this time.

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A complete description of job duties, qualifications and application instructions for these positions can be found on the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury website at www.townofbwg.com under the *Employment Opportunities* section; or at the Towns Human Resources office as listed below.

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We thank all applicants for their interest, however, only those being considered for an interview will be contacted. In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, and will only be used for candidate selection.

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is an equal opportunity employer. Accommodation will be provided in accordance with the Ontario Human Rights Code.



GARAGE SALES

It's that time of the year again and we ask for the community's cooperation in keeping Bradford West Gwillimbury safe and litter-free by complying with the following rules when erecting garage sale signage:

1. No signage is to be erected on traffic signs or lights as they may detract from the visibility or the effectiveness of the required traffic sign or control device. (i.e. Stop signs, Speed limit signs, Traffic lights)
2. Signage shall not obstruct the view of traffic, whether it is on sidewalks or roadways.
3. Temporary signage advertising garage sales are permitted for two days prior to, and on the day of, the event only for a total of three days.
4. Upon completion of the event, kindly remove any of your signage posted around Town.

If the community fails to voluntarily adhere to the above-mentioned requirements, the Town may be forced to implement more restrictive guidelines for garage sale signage in the future.

We thank you for your cooperation.

Notice of Transit Stop Construction

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of the construction of transit stops on your street in preparation for the launch of Bradford West Gwillimbury's new Transit System.

Background

In October 2012 Council approved the implementation of transit to serve the needs of the community. Public meetings were held on June 21, 2012 and August 17, 2012 to review the routes and March 11, 2013 Council approved the routes. Subsequently, stop locations have been identified to access neighbourhoods, schools and commercial areas. The transit system will begin operating on May 1, 2014. The construction of the stops is currently underway.

FAQ'S

What kind of buses will be used?

Transit service will be provided by two low floor (no step) community buses. The buses are similar to the size used by hotels and parking lots at airports (e.g. the Park N Fly shut- tle) and a sample is shown. They are 26 feet long, seat approximately 19 people, can accommodate two wheelchairs and are equipped with ramps for accessibility.





What work is required to build the stops?

The stop involves the construction of a hard surface that will connect the curb to the sidewalk and a post and sign to identify the bus stop. The construction will involve digging up a small section of the boulevard, placement of gravel and paving with concrete. All of these stops will be located on the Town's property. On local residential roads, the pad will be approximately 2m X 3m and will have a concrete surface . On Holland street, where more use is expected, they will be 3m X 6.5 m.

How were stop locations selected?

Careful consideration was given to the stop locations taking into account safety, proper spacing, distance to adjacent uses, physical space and visibility. Every effort has been made to minimize the impact of the stop location for residents and businesses. Generally, stop locations have been chosen on side lots or near intersections. The stop locations are shown on the back of this page.

Schedule and Fees

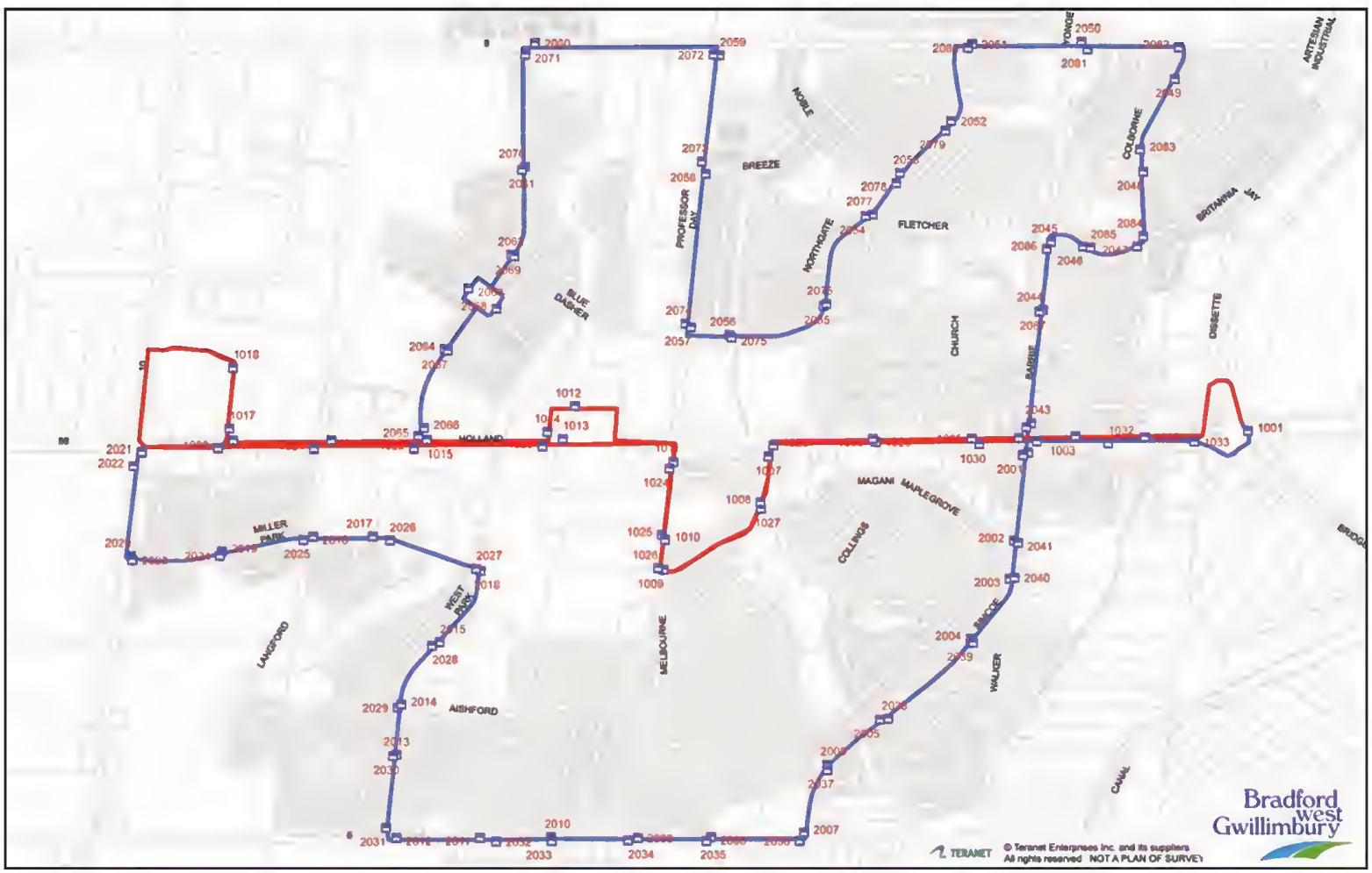
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For more Information Contact: Engineering Services:

Hours: 8:30 am - 4:30 pm Phone 905-778-2055 or e-mail

Angelina Devellis - **adevellis@townofbwg.com** Anne MacLean - **amaclean@townofbwg.com**

TRANSIT ROUTE



Cutathon for Cochlear implants

On May 4, Mary & Vita's Hair Design will be opening their doors for the 14th annual Vita & Stephanie Cut-athon, for the Cochlear Implant Unit at the Hospital for Sick Children.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., residents are invited to drop by and get a haircut for a donation, and enjoy the BBQ, Bake Sale and other fundraisers, with all of the proceeds going to Sick Kids' Cochlear Implant Unit.

Mary Ingoglia launched the Cut-athon 14 years ago, as a way to honour the memory of her daughter Vita, and grand-daughter Stephanie. Little Stephanie had been born profoundly deaf, but received a cochlear implant - an electronic device that generates a sensation that the brain learns to interpret as sound - at the Toronto hospital. Not a hearing aid, an implant does not amplify sound, but bypasses the ear to directly stimulate the auditory nerve - creating a sensation that the recipient learns to interpret, and that can lead to better language interpretation, and communication.

Mary called it "The gift of hearing."

Cochlear implants have come a long way since those early days. Then, the implants were large, crude, and involved invasive surgery that, initially, was not covered under OHIP. Now, state-of-the-art implants are lighter and more sophisticated, and the Hospital for Sick Children is a leader in the field, performing bilateral implants using minimally-invasive techniques.

Drop by on May 4, at Mary & Vita's Hair Design, 118 Holland St. East to learn more. Don't forget to buy a ticket for the Vita & Stephanie Cut-athon's Appreciation Raffle. 1st prize is a 32 Gigabyte Apple iPad; 2nd prize, a stay at Pawley's Island, South Carolina; 3rd prize, a $300 prepaid VISA card. For details or to donate, call 905-775-8775.

May is Hearing Awareness Month

by Delia Avarell

May is Hearing Awareness Month.

You may never have met a Deaf person who communicates in American Sign Language (ASL) - but there is growing interest in learning ASL, and communicating with Deaf people. I believe it is important to break down the barriers, and encourage hearing people to learn ASL, to bridge the gap between the hearing and Deaf worlds.

People often speak second languages, such as Italian, Portuguese, and French. In the Deaf world, Deaf people will use Italian Sign Language, Portuguese Sign Language, French Sign Language and LSQ (Langue de Signe de Quebec). American Sign Language is the first language of the Deaf Community in Canada and the U.S.; their second language is English, for writing and reading.

"Deaf" is a cultural, sociological term accurately reflecting our identity and our right to have and use our rich language, culture and community. Deaf babies, toddlers and young children can acquire ASL naturally, without any language delay or constraint - and a Deaf person can have a rich full life, right from infancy.

This May is a time of celebration, and congratulations. Gallaudet University is celebrating its 150th Anniversary. The school began as the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, when President Abraham Lincoln signed the charter, on April 8, 1864. It later became Gallaudet University - now a world leader in liberal education and career development for deaf and hard-of-hearing students, in Washington D.C. For more information, see ***www.gallaudet.edu/150/learn_more.html***

The Ontario Association of the Deaf is proudly celebrating the 40th Anniversary of MayFest, taking place May 9 and 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Queen Elizabeth Exhibit Hall, Exhibition Place. Mayfest offers

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Healthy Living

The Town of Innisfil presents the first **Healthy Living Show**, on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - an opportunity to connect with local health service providers.

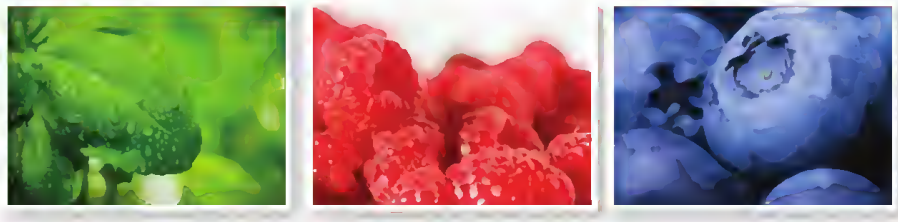
Admission is free. The Show will feature over 30 interactive displays, on everything from mental health to chiropractic and home healthcare, as well as presentations on a wide range of topics. Learn more about "Getting to Know Alzheimer's" at 10:30 a.m.; "Diabetes: What you Need to Know" at 11:15 a.m., and "Taking the Guesswork out of Parenting," at noon.

At the Innisfil Town Hall, 2101 Innisfil Beach Road. The Community Health Team will also be launching a new Innisfil Health Survey, in co-operation with Georgian College.

Simply for Life is hosting a **Health & Wellness Vendor's Fair,** Thursday, May 1 at the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. W. The event begins at 6 p.m. with a Health & Wellness Vendors' Fair, free Healthy Food samples, and amazing door prizes. Hear Nutrition Expert and Lifestyle Guru Bruce Sweeney at 7 p.m., and enjoy a Meet & Greet, at 8 p.m. Tickets are only $5, available at Simply for Life, 157 Holland St. East, Unit 4. All proceeds donated to the Helping Hand Food Bank. For more information, call 905-778-9998 or email ***info.bradford@simplyforlife.com***

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At the Bradford Legion Branch 521

On April 27, the Bradford Legion will be holding its **Annual Spring Clean-up**, starting at 10 a.m. If you can help out, please come to the Legion at 115 Back St. in Bradford!

The **Annual Walter Duncan Golf Tournament**, held at Big Cedar Golf Course, takes place Sat., May 10 - 9:30 a.m. shotgun start. Cost is only $70, which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, steak dinner, prizes and draws. Please contact Frank Brooks at 905-775-5025 - and sign up by April 26.

Friday Night Social Time - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out and enjoy dinner prepared and served by the Culinary Arts Students at Bradford District High School, for a nominal fee, then stay for music and fellowship. On the first Friday of the month, May 2, enjoy Karaoke with Bob Serran, starting at 8 p.m. All welcome. No cover charge.

The Ladies Auxiliary present an evening of entertainment on Saturday, May 24 at 8:30 p.m. - **Brett Baker, live!** Enjoy a great Country evening for only $10, which includes a late "lunch" and door prizes. All welcome!

Monday & Thursday Night Fun Darts, 7:30 p.m. at the Branch. **Euchre**, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month- register starting at 1 p.m., play starts at 1:30 p.m. **All welcome.**

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A 30th Anniversary Celebration



Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

John and Elaine Maynard first met in Toronto, when they were both students at Bruce Public School. "I was in Kindergarten. She was in Grade 1," John says. Elaine's family lived across the road from the school, and several times a week "her mom would feed us lunch."

After Grade School, they lost touch, for over a decade. "We got in touch 20 years later and fell in love," he says. On April 12, John and Elaine celebrated their 30th Wedding Anniversary at 100 Miller Park, surrounded by family members and members of the Bradford Branch of the Royal Canadian Legion. Legion Padre Dan Graves was among those adding their best wishes and giving thanks "for the blessing they have been to each other and the community."

Above, Mayor Doug White presents congratulations to John and Elaine Maynard, as Councillor Carl Hordyk adds his good wishes at the landmark event.

At the Danube Srs. Leisure Centre

The Craft Circle at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre has been making diapers to send to orphanages in the Philippines. On April 17, the Centre welcomed Jean and Tim McNair, humanitarians who have been collecting supplies for orphanages and for Typhoon Haiyan relief in the Philippines. They will ensure that the needed supplies are sent where they can do the most good.

The Danube Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd. For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612.

Coming up:

. Seniors Health Seminar, Thursday, May 8, from 11 a.m. to noon - free. Lorrie Reynolds, Deputy Chief of Nursing at Southlake Regional Health Centre, presents **"The View from a Patient's Perspective."** Lunch will be available following the Seminar, for only $6 for Danube Centre members, $7 for non-members.

. In Concert: Terry Chisholm presents A Tribute to Elvis, Roy Orbison and The Legends of Rock 'N Roll on Saturday, May 10 at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre. Doors open at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are only $15 per person, available at the Danube Centre, 905-775-0612. Refreshments will be served during intermission.



Photo by Barry Moore: Tim and Jean McNair with supplies.

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entertainment, booth displays, activities for all ages, including children. Contact Lori Archer, at ***lori@deafontario.ca***

And finally, the Ontario Association of the Deaf and Toronto Association of the Deaf celebrate the 25th anniversary of **Deaf Ontario Now!** There will be a Deaf Flashback Celebration Dinner at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Toronto, May 10, 5:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. - looking back at the efforts of the Deaf and hearing community, Deaf Leaders and families of Deaf children, who fought the government to make changes for a better quality of Deaf Education. Tickets are $70, or $65 for members of OAD/TAD. See ***www.DeafToronto.ca***

Four Play: A Showcase of Play Readings

A blood-curdling scream rings out, and echoes in the basement of the Old Town Hall Theatre in Cookstown.

No one notices; it's audition day for South Simcoe Theatre's Four Play, a Showcase of Play Readings, and an actor is simply getting into a role.

Four Play is a summer tradition at the Cookstown theatre - four evenings of play readings, during the first week of June, directed by experienced and new directors.

The process begins with a call for submissions of plays, which arrive from as far away as New York. South Simcoe Theatre decides which plays will be chosen for Four Play, then sends out a call for interested directors, and finally, actors.

It's all very low-key. There's no need for memory work or accompanists; the actors make an appointment for their audition, come out to the theatre, and read the plays in front of the director - and in some cases, the playwright. This year, Audition Day was April 12.

"It's actually a very fun experience, to see the characters brought to life," says writer Raymond James Holmes, whose work, "The Lonely Vigil of Emily Baxter" will be read on June 7.

Fellow-author Jack Trepanier agrees. The playwright may have an internal image of a character, but when it's read on stage by an actor, "they bring it to life differently - and it's even better!" His play, Four Eulogies, will also be read on June 7.

Both Holmes, a resident of Minesing, and Trepanier, from Stroud, have had works accepted for Four Play before. In fact, Holmes' "vignette" performed last year recently won 3rd place in an Ottawa competition - "quite an honour," he says.



From left, Bruce McCullum, Raymond J. Holmes, and Jack Trepanier with their plays, at South Simcoe Theatre.

Holmes is interested in all aspects of theatre, from writing, to set design, to a cameo appearance on stage. The next step could be directing. "To direct something would be fun to try," he says, although he laughs, "It may not be a good idea to actor-direct your own play."

Trepanier has no aspirations to take on any role but author - although he did try the stage, in his youth. "It's tempting, but I need to keep my fingers on the keyboard," he says. "Definitely no directing, no acting. I'll just tell the story."

"The most sought-after person in the village is the storyteller," notes Bruce McCallum, whose work, "Squeeker", a horror radio play, will be read on June 6. The Cookstown resident has been involved in South Simcoe Theatre's Christmas Panto, both as co-writer and on stage - but says that being taken seriously as an author, and hearing an actor present his words under a director's guidance, "is such an honour."

All three playwrights are unanimous about one thing: they will be attending Four Play, a Showcase of Play Readings - "all performances!"

South Simcoe Theatre presents Four Play: A Showcase of Play Readings, June 5 to 8 at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown. Tickets are $5 per day; call the Box office at 705-458-4432. For more information on the plays and directors, see ***www.southsimcoetheatre.com***

It's the Arts!

Gallery-goers only have until April 27 to catch the remarkable **Mary Pratt** retrospective at McMichael Canadian Collection in Kleinburg - works spanning 5 decades, with commentary by the artist.

Art Unique Gallery & Gifts, 4293 - Line 2 Innisfil, near Cookstown, invites the public to their **10th Anniversary Open House** on Sunday, May 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. The Gallery has been showing the work of local and regional artists for the past decade, and this year, was nominated for its excellent Customer Service, at the South Simcoe Business Excellence Awards.

The Open House is an opportunity to view the works of more than 20 artists, including new artist, Marta Kutsera. Meet the artists, enjoy light refreshments, and congratulate gallery owner Ruth Draper. See ***www.artunique.ca***

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The Finest Wine Shoppe offers a wide range of wine kits, as well as labels, corks, bottling equipment, great hours and a convenient location on Bradford's main street, with plenty of parking. Owner Wayne Kovacevich and his staff are friendly and knowledgeable, and always ready to assist. For more information, see www.thefinestwineshoppe.ca or call 905-778-8246.



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And don't expect to see any signs of life from "warm weather" grasses until at least the middle of June.

Those were just some of the tips provided by Karl Kohnen, owner of Black Forest Garden Centre in King City, to members of the Gilford & District Horticultural Society on April 14.

Drought resistant, hardy, colourful, with a variety of forms that can provide everything from ground cover to privacy screening - grasses can be versatile and attractive.

But they come with a warning.

"Clumpers" may stay in discrete clumps - but even they can grow and eventually take up an extensive area of the garden. And "Runners" - grasses that spread by their roots and rhizomes - can become invasive.



Kohnen advised gardeners considering planting "runners" to plant them first in containers, lined with polyester mesh, or in kangaroo bags. "You can bury the bag - you can control the grass... and you have nothing to worry about," he said. His most important advice? "Think about it before you do it."

The talk was followed by a question and answer period. One gardener asked, "Is there grass for your lawn that you don't have to cut?"

"Astroturf is one," Kohnen said."Don't laugh - it's going to become a reality," with the prediction of hotter, drier summers.

His own choice? "Clover. It will smother out weeds... and stays green."

Photo: Karl Kohnen, with grass

A call for Tree-Planting Volunteers

South Simcoe Streams Network is sending out a call for volunteers, to participate in Trees for Streams Work Party Days - planting native trees and shrubs along local streams and rivers. Scheduled Work Days this Spring include:

. **Sunday, May 4** in Innisfil at Centennial Park, 7th Line, 1 to 4 p.m.; and at Innisfil Beach Park, from 9 a.m. to noon.

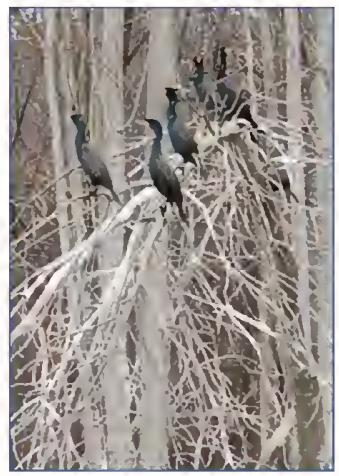
. **Saturday, June 14** in Bradford West Gwillimbury, from 9 a.m. to noon. Along West Canal Bank Road in the Holland Marsh, north of Hwy. 9. Community volunteers are needed for this planting! Register as an individual or a group for a tree planting event. RSVP to Silvia Pedrazzi at ***silvia@nottawasaga.com*** or call 705-435-1540.

Crowds of Cormorants

by Peter Wukasch

In the last couple of days, one couldn't help but notice the black, brooding shapes of Double-crested Cormorants festooning the trees along the recently altered canal, south of town.

The trees along the new canal bed have probably meant better perching and spotting sites for fishing birds. Other birds, such as Ospreys, may also benefit from this change - but the cormorants are not a welcome sight by many, since their populations have skyrocketed. Fishermen see them as unwanted competitors, and their nesting islands become barren, as trees succumb to their corrosive guano or droppings. This can create quite an eyesore.



It wasn't that long ago that cormorants were unheard of in the Bradford area, but in recent years they have moved from the Great Lakes into Lake Simcoe and many lakes in cottage country. Could it be that the water has actually become more habitable for fish, and the cormorants have taken advantage of this?

There are 4 species of cormorants found in Canada. Cormorants are close relatives of pelicans, and have a small throat pouch used to hold fish they have caught while diving.

In ancient China, cormorants were captured and trained by fisherman to catch and retrieve fish for them - and along the coast of South America, cormorant guano is valued as a fertilizer - but here in Canada they are maligned as a pest. There are even control programs in place to reduce their populations.

Unlike most water birds, they have no waterproof oil on their feathers, so they must spread their wings out to dry - otherwise, they will not be buoyant enough in the water. Their untidy nests are often a flimsy cradle for their featherless, rubbery-looking young, who are fed on regurgitated fish!

Later in May, I will be part of a team that will dutifully check off "cormorant" as we tally the different species of birds we see from dawn to dusk, during the Baillie Birdathon. The Birdathon is named after a legendary Canadian naturalist, Jim Baillie, whom I had the pleasure of meeting as a teen, a few months prior to his passing. We are currently looking for sponsors; all proceeds will be used to support bird conservation projects for Bird Studies Canada and our own York-Simcoe Naturalists' Club. It should be a fun and challenging day!

Spring Bi-weekly Yard Waste Collections

COUNTY OF SIMCOE
For the Greater Good

To determine your yard waste collection week visit simcoe.ca/wastereminder or consult the waste management calendar.
Place your materials at curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday of your collection week.
Collection may not coincide with your garbage day.

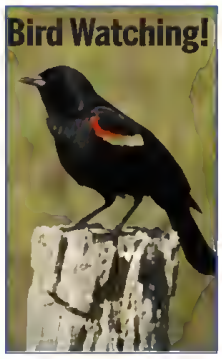


Does not apply to residents of Barrie and Orillia



• Utilize paper yard waste bags, cardboard boxes, open-ended rigid containers or compostable bags.

County of Simcoe Customer Service
1-800-263-3199



The Friends of Scanlon Creek host Birdwatching Workshops, on Saturday, April 26 and Saturday, May 24. Ken Vogan will provide an Introduction to Birdwatching at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. Learn the basics about local birds, try out binoculars and various bird books, and check out the Smartphone Apps - and take a walk with an experienced Birder! Meet at the Nature Centre.

The Walk will take place from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m.; the Talk, featuring slide show, books, and smartphone apps, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

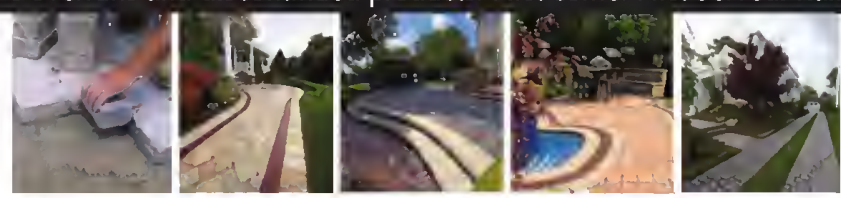
Come for the Walk, the Talk, or both - fee is $10 per vehicle, or free with a Scanlon Creek Annual Pass. Please RSVP to Wanda Black at ***w.black@lsrca.on.ca*** or call 905-895-1281 ext. 222.

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Spring Clearance Sale

SATURDAY, April 26th, 8am-12pm, 441 Salem Road, Barrie, 705-721-7800
Huge savings on manufacturer's overruns and discontinued products. First come. First Served. Rain or Shine.

Paving stones from **79¢** /sq. ft.
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No pick-up the day of the sale.
No contractors please.
Go to www.unilock.com for design ideas

Bond Head Hort. Soc.

Bond Head & District Horticultural Society **39th Anniversary** meeting, Thurs., April 24 at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre, 715 Simcoe Rd. Bradford, 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker is Randy Tumber, award-winning landscaper, on Naturalistic Design.

Mother's Day Plant & Bake Sale

The Bond Head & District Horticultural Society annual Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale, at the Bond Head Community Hall on County Rd. 27, on Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Home baking, plants from members' gardens, flats of annuals and hanging baskets - just in time to welcome Spring, and surprise Mom!

Spring Tea & Show

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society hosts a Spring Flower Show & Social Tea at the Churchill Community Centre, Saturday, May 10. Tulips, daffs, narcissus, grape hyacinth, spring flowers and house plants - Exhibitors are asked to bring in their entries between 9:30 and 11 a.m.; judging starts at 11. The Show & Tea will be open to the public from noon to 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Tea will be served for only $5.



Focus on Business

Serving up a taste of Community spirit



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Chris Meerburg serves up a tasty sausage topped with pulled pork, at The Canadian Grill, April 12 - and donated 100% of the proceeds of the day to Canadian Tire's Jumpstart Program for kids.

Chris Meerburg celebrated the "Grand Re-opening" of his business on Saturday, April 12.

His business? The Canadian Grill, a red and white food truck parked in the parking lot at Bradford's Canadian Tire Store, that has just re-opened for its second season.

Meerburg has turned "street food" into an art, offering passers-by a choice of hot dogs, hot or mild sausages, fries, Canadian peameal bacon on a bun, and Cheese Steak, but also poutine, and hickory-smoked pulled pork.

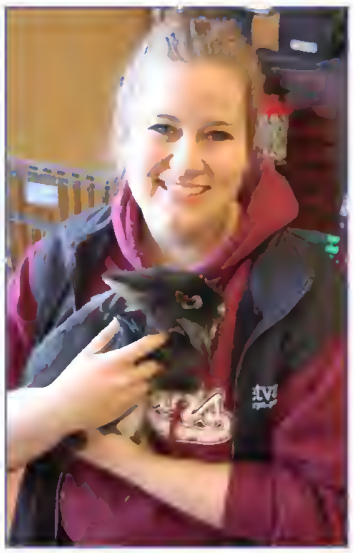
And on April 12, he decided to mark the start of his second year in business, by giving back to the community. He donated all sales for the day to Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program.

Canadian Tire Jumpstart is a national program that covers the costs of equipment, registration, even transportation, for children who otherwise might be excluded from participating. It addresses the statistics, which say that one in 3 Canadian families can't afford to enrol their children in sports or recreation. Jumpstart removes the barriers, to let kids play - and to date, has helped over 720,000 children participate in sports.

Local Canadian Tire Store owner Kenn Voss pledged to match the money raised by Meerburg, who was hoping to raise $1,500 in total for the charity.

There are always challenges, with a food truck. "You get your slow days, you get your busy days - it's different," he said - hoping that April 12 would be "a busy day, and we hit our mark."

In fact, he raised $1,200 to help local kids play, and was happy with the community support.



Adoption Day at Pet Valu

April is Pet Appreciation Month at Pet Valu stores across Canada. Each store is selling paper Paws, raising funds through activities and donation drives, for humane societies, rescue operations and other animal-focused charities.

In Bradford, Pet Appreciation Month is a fundraiser for the Lions International Dog Guide Program, and a local cat rescue. The store also partnered with the Alliston & District Humane Society, for "Adoption Days."

On April 12 and 13, the ADHS brought in a selection of "small animals" - furry bunnies, guinea pigs and hamsters - looking for a "forever home." It was a way to raise awareness of the work of the Humane Society, raise funds, and to encourage residents to open their homes and their hearts to animals in need.

And on the Saturday, "Cookie Queen" Laura Vree, owner of Sweet Handmade, brought her edible "paw" cookies (for humans, not dogs) to the store. Paws sold for $4, with $3 going to the local pet charities. Her goal was to raise $100 for the animals; she raised $172.

Photo: Ashley Balinsky with Walker the Bunny at Pet Valu.

A Successful Get Fit BWG Challenge

Bradford - Equilibrium Lifestyle Management Canada Ltd. (eLifestyle), a Bradford-based fitness company, has just completed another successful community-wide Online Weight Loss Challenge for Bradford West Gwillimbury residents.

The Challenge will be wrapping up with an awards presentation and a Meet & Greet event on Saturday, April 26, at the **Town & Country Living Show,** held at the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd.

It will be an opportunity to meet the eLifestyle team, and the winners of the latest challenge - determined by highest percentage of body weight lost, rather than most pounds.

In first place is Michael Lambert, with a 16.12% weight loss. He will be presented with prizes worth a total of $648, including 2 sessions of In-Home Personal Training and fitness analysis from eLifestyle; a 3 month membership from Anytime Fitness, 5 Zumba sessions from Zumba in Da House, and a Soda Stream machine, courtesy of Water Depot.

Amber Carniello placed second, with a 13% weight loss - winning 1 session of In-Home Personal Training and Fitness analysis from eLifestyle, a 2-month membership from Anytime Fitness, 3 Zumba sessions from Zumba in Da House, and a yoga mat and water bottle courtesy of Needham Promotions (total value $419).

Third place went to Angela Dayton (9.9% weight loss). She receives 1 session of In-Home Personal Training and Fitness analysis from eLifestyle, a 1-month membership from Anytime Fitness, and 2 Zumba in Da House sessions.

The Get Fit BWG participants averaged a 9% weight loss, or 28.5 lbs. - for a cumulative weight loss of 1,622 lbs. They also shared stories and built new friendships, through the Get Fit BWG Facebook group.

"Leah (Epstein) and Robb (Armstrong)'s Get Fit BWG program is amazing," says participant Megan Saunders. "Not only did I lose weight and inches, I feel stronger, have more energy, and I honestly don't really care what the scale is saying any more because I feel so good about myself.

"And if that wasn't enough, the support and encouragement they offer is amazing."

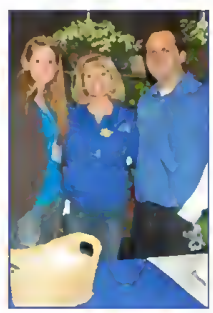
There are plans for a Spring/Summer Online Weight Loss challenge, beginning on May 5. Sign up at Zehr's Market on Saturday, May 3, from 12 to 4 p.m. to meet 2nd place winner Amber Carniello, participate in a shopping tutorial with Robb Armstrong from 12 to 1 p.m. The first 25 participants to enroll will receive a shopping gift card from Zehr's.

For more information, see ***www.elifestyle.ca*** or ***www.getfitbwg.com***

Business briefs: Town & Country Living!

The Bradford Board of Trade's **Town & Country Living Show** returns to the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd., on Saturday, April 26th - one day only! Admission is free for this premier home and trade show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The show offers an opportunity to meet your local MP and MPP, check out last minute tax advice, beauty tips, landscaping and home reno ideas, do-it-yourself, travel, and healthy eating. There is a Children's activity area, and a great indoor café - and great door prizes to be won. For more information, see ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com***



Note: Admission is free, but donations of non-perishable food for the local Helping Hand Food Bank will be greatly appreciated.

Business Before Hours, at Lusitano Restaurant, 17 Holland St. West on April 29 from 7:30 to 9 a.m. - another networking breakfast offered by the Bradford Board of Trade. Cost is only $15 for BBT members, $20 for non-members. Please RSVP at ***www.bradfordboardoftrade.com***

Nottawasaga Futures is looking for applications for **Summer Company**, a program that supports aspiring young entrepreneurs and helps them turn their ideas into a business. Summer Company is open to all students between the ages of 15 and 29, who will be returning to school in the fall, and who have an idea for their own summer business. The program provides funding, of up to $3,000 in seed money for the new business, and hands-on business coaching and mentoring from local community business leaders.

Summer Company is funded by the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Innovation, and administered by Nottawasaga Futures. Deadline for applications is May 23, 2014, but space is limited, and interested students are invited to submit their applications and ideas as soon as possible. For more information and applications, contact Martin Kuzma at Nottawasaga Futures, at 705-435-1540 ext. 101 or ***martin@nottawasaga.com***





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BRADFORD BOARD OF TRADE

town & country LIVING SHOW

ONE DAY EVENT ONLY

Saturday, April 26, 2014

9AM - 5PM

FREE ADMISSION

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125 Simcoe Road

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- Beauty Tips
- Landscaping Ideas
- Home Renovations
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- DIY
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community listings

MEETINGS

SOUL SURVIVORS: A Cancer Support Community meets the 1st Weds. of the month at Trinity Anglican Church, 7:30 p.m. For cancer survivors and those currently experiencing cancer - a support group in a spiritual context, followed by a short contemplative service of healing. Contact Fr. Dan Graves, 905-775-2200.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1468 Sideroad #5, Bredford.
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStralen
www.springdalecrc.net

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy. 27 & Conc. 10 Tecumseth.
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School & Nursery Available

905-775-2512

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065
Messes
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.,10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Confessions
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Comar of Church & Jamas St.)
Sunday Services 9am & 10:30am
Sunday School, 10:30am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.,
905-775-7268
Service -10 am
Sunday School & Nursery Available
www.bradfordunited.com

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sidaroad
(8th Line & Middletown SR)
905-775-7274
Sunday Sarvica 11:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery provided.
stjohnsprasbytarian.ca

St. Paul's Anglican Church
Coulson's Hill
(NW corner of County Rd. #4 & 11th Line)

Sunday Service at 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School with Service
289-231-3253

Bradford Alliance Church
758 Simcoe Road, Bradford
10am Sunday Service
Mid Week Home Groups
Monthly Men's Breakfast
905-778-0068
www.bradfordalliance.ca

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-775-9268, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy #11 & Conc #9
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Birth to 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs

St. Michael's Ukrainian
Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd, Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Priest 905-715-0105

Riverdrive Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
#20246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm Afternoon Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18935 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & edult programe
Rev. Richard Bodini
905-775-7291
E: hollandmarshcrc@rogers.com

Bradford Baptist Church
3224-10th Sdrd
(2 km north of Holland St. W)
9 am - Portuguese Service
10:30 am - English Service
10:30 am - Kids Program (Toddler-Grade 8)
Mid-Week Youth Program & Portuguese Ministry
905-775-5700
www.bbcweb.ca



The Baha'i World Faith
905-551-2219
www.Baha'i.org

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre. 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club weekly Bingo, Mondays. 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund- raising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: Support group meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Starting April 4, Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgemental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by CMHA - completely anonymous.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford,on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email MTerrance@chats.on.ca

FRI., APR. 25

ROAST BEEF DINNER: At Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is $16 per adult, $7 for children 10 & under - Roast Beef, Mashed potatoes, gravy, veg and Home-made Pies. For tickets call Lorna Oldreive at 905-775-8768 or Sheryl MacPhail, 905-775-3134.

Euchre Tourney

The Cheyanne Memorial Euchre Tourney, hosted by the Innisfil Lioness Club, April 25 at the Innisfil Lions Hall, 982 Innisfil Beach Rd., 7:30 p.m. Prizes, play, light buffet, $13 in advance, $15 at the door. All proceeds to the Hospital for Sick Kids. Call 705-294-0543 or *tammar13@rogers.com*

SAT., APR. 26

ZUMBA FOR AUTISM: Everyone is invited to the 1st annual Zumba for Austism event with Cathy McLean, 1 - 4 p.m. Minimum $15 donation in advance, $20 at the door - and 100% of all proceeds go to Kerry's Place Autism Services. Prizes, raffle, silent auction, refreshment. For tickets call Cathy McLean at 647-219-0321 or Nicole Kim, 905-252-6942.

SPRING BAZAAR AT LAKESIDE RETIREMENT: Vendors galore at Lakeside's Spring Bazaar, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 985 Innisfil Beach Rd. in Alcona. Everything from baked goods, to crafts, jewellery, cards, and more.

SPRING DECLUTTER LUNCHEON: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Doors open at noon, luncheon will be served at 12:30 p.m. Tickets $12 each, from 905-775-7268. Bradford United Church Women and Red Coats Moving Solutions present the lunch, and a talk on how to reduce, declutter and reorganize.

BDHS 1950S-60S REUNION: At China Garden Restaurant, 382 Holland St. West in Bradford, 1 p.m. until early evening - a Reunion for Bradford District High School Grads and Alumni from the 1950s and 1960s. Free, except for what you eat or drink at China Garden. Bring your memories, old photos and clippings. For info call James Cooke, 519-881-1188; Bob Neilly, 905-898-6872; or Bill Williamson, 416-705-9581.

LIONS DAY OF SERVICE FREE YOUTH SWIM: At the BWG Leisure Centre Lions Aquatics Centre, 1:15-3 p.m. For info, call 905-775-7529 or leisureservices@townofbwg.com

INNISFIL HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETS: 2 p.m. at the Knock Schoolhouse heritage site, 10 Sideroad and 9th Line Innisfil. Guest speaker Bev Dietrich, curator of the Guelph Museums, will talk about "Sitting Pretty: The History of the Toilet." All welcome.

TOWN & COUNTRY LIVING SHOW: The Bradford Board of Trade presents the best of business at the Town & Country Living Show, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bradford Community Centre, 125 Simcoe Rd. Admission is free. Enjoy the cafe, door prizes and more.

SUN., APR. 27

MOMSTOWN COMMUNITY CELEBRATION: At Bradford District High School, 70 Professor Day Drive in Bradford, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Face-painting, activities, bouncy castle, balloon animals, prizes - families are welcome to come out and discover all that Momstown has to offer. Admission is free. For information, see www.bradford-new-tecumseth.momstown.ca

MON., APR. 28

TEC-WE-GWILL WOMEN'S INSTITUTE AGM: At the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall in Newton Robinson. Potluck lunch - bring your favourite dish! For info, call Sylvia 705-435-7736 or Glenna 705-458-1510.

TUES., APR. 29

WELLNESS RECOVERY ACTION PLAN GROUP: The Central LHIN and The Krasman Centre bring a Wellness Recovery Action Plan Group (WRAP) to the Bradford Public Library, April 29-May 1, from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Participate for free, to develop wellness tools to help cope with stress, manage crises and enjoy life more fully. Pre-registration required; see www.krasmancentre.com for details; call 1-888-780-0724 or email e.carvalho@krasmancentre.com to register.

SAT., MAY. 3

WALK THE SPINE TRAIL HIKE: The BWG Active Transportation Committee invites the community to discover the "Spine" of Bradford - the trails from Aishford St. north to Tiger Tail Cresc. Meet 10 a.m. in front of the BWG Leisure Centre, for a warm-up with a fitness instructor, and 1-hr hike.

ROAST BEEF DINNER: The Church of the Evangelists, 99 Queen St. N. in Tottenham, 4:30-6:30 p.m. Soup, Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, veg, variety of pies - $15 adults, free for children under 10.

OLD-FASHIONED SQUARE DANCE: At Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. - no experience necessary. Caller Doug Holmes will lead everyone through the steps! 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 per couple, $10 per person Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to 905-775-7268, and get ready to enjoy an evening of fun. A fundraiser for the Church.

SPRING FLING BAZAAR: At Bradford Valley Long Term Care Centre, 2656 - 6th Line BWG, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drop in for wonderful crafts, vendors and more. All welcome.

CHURCHILL UNITED CHURCH BAKE SALE: Bake Sale, Crafts, Silent Auction, Plant Sale and Lunch Room. All welcome, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vendors' tables are available, only $20 each. Contact Vicky at 705-456-1562.

BRADFORD MOM2MOM SPRING SALE: At the Bradford Public Library this year, 425 Holland St. W. 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Zima Room! New and used children's items for sale. For more information, vendor information, and registration forms, see www.bradfordmom2mom.com

17TH ANNUAL TULIP TEA IN LEFROY: Lefroy United Church presents its annual Tulip Tea, 2 to 4 p.m. in the Grange Hall. Sandwiches, squares, tea and coffee only $6 per person - drop in, and treat a friend!

SUN., MAY. 4

OPEN HOUSE AT ART UNIQUE: Art Unique Gallery & Gifts 10th anniversary Open House, 4293 - 2nd Line Innisfil, Cookstown, 2 to 4 p.m. Meet the artists!

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Marsh Mash!



Marsh Mash organizer Iain Craig, in an outrigger canoe, and Nancy Bobala, recreational canoeist, in a C1 racing canoe, test the waters of the North Canal, before the May 10 races.

On April 22, long-time organizer Iain Craig and 4-time Recreational racer Nancy Bobala tested out the waters in the north canal, in advance of the annual Marsh Mash Canoe and Kayak Races.

Craig brought his outrigger, Bobala tried out a C-1 racing canoe for the first time - and they both did a quick lap on the canal adjacent to Springdale Christian Reformed Church. The banks were a little muddy and the water was cold, but the ice was gone and there were no weeds to clog the canal. Even better, the Town is promising to install a temporary dock in time for the racing.

The 36th Annual Marsh Mash Canoe and Kayak Races, sanctioned by OMCKRA (Ontario Marathon Canoe and Kayak Racing Association) will be taking place on Saturday, May 10 at Springdale Christian Reformed Church, 5 Sideroad and Canal Road in Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Registration begins at 8 a.m., racing at 10 a.m. on the reconstructed Holland Marsh north canal. Classes include the 22K ICF K1 - a qualifier for the ICF Kayak Marathon World Championship, Marathon C2 Open and Marathon C2 Mixed. Open Kayak and Marathon C1 entries will travel a 16K course - and 9K races will be open to Outrigger, Recreational C2, Recreational Kayak, Stand-up Paddleboard, and Jr. marathon Open classes.

As well, there are 5K races for Adult/Child, Novice Stand-up Paddleboard, and Short Kayak Open.

The Marsh Mash is a partnership between organizer Craig and his family, and the BWG Leisure Services Department. Local businesses continue to support what is now the 4th-longest running Marathon Canoe Race in Ontario, providing prizes and donations.

For more information contact Joe Lotto, at ***jlotto@townofbwg.com*** or 905-775-5359 ext. 5102, or Iain Craig, 905-893-1323.

Interested in racing? Check out ***www.marshmash.ca*** - and attend the 9 a.m. Race Co-ordination meeting, on May 10 at Springdale Church.

In addition to the Marsh Mash, OMCKRA also sponsors the Ontario Youth Canoe Race Championships, each year held the Friday before the Mash. This year, approximately 100 young paddlers from Mary Ward Catholic High School and Bishop Allen Catholic High School in Toronto, J. Clark Richardson Secondary in Whitby, and the Parry Sound Canoe Club will be taking to the North Canal on May 9.

The event is organized by local resident Mike Kennedy, a long-time paddler who is dedicated to bringing the joys of marathon canoeing to a new generation. Using canoes provided by Cowan Canoes of Paisley, Ontario, the students receive instruction - and equipped with personal flotation devices, compete in 4K two-person canoe races.





Joshua Buck, Bradford athlete, took 1st place in the IDFA (International Drug Free Athletics) Body Building Competition. After 3 months of serious training, and learning the ins and outs of body-building, Buck's efforts paid off, as he won the trophy competing against older athletes, Apr.6. Josh's dad, Jeremy Buck is a former championship body builder as well. Submitted photo.

Kids swim free on Lions Service Day

The motto of Lions Clubs is "We Serve" - and on Saturday, April 26, the Lions Clubs of District A-12, which stretches from Schomberg to Huntsville and Parry Sound, will be celebrating a Lions Day of Service.

The Bradford & District Lions Club is hosting a Lions Day of Service "Free Youth Swim." The Bradford Lions Aquatics Centre at the BWG Leisure Centre will be open for an afternoon of free swimming for elementary school children, from 1:15 to 3 p.m. - funded by the local Lions.

The Bradford Lions Club, which this year celebrates 77 years of community service, meets on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month, 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Activity Centre, 226 Colborne St. (in Lions Park). For more information, or to get involved in the Bradford Lions Club, call 905-775-9170 or see ***Facebook.com/BradfordLions***

Simcoe County Outdoors Club

Nature lovers, outdoors enthusiasts... Come to the founding meeting of the Simcoe County Outdoors Club, Thursday, May 15 at 7 p.m. in Bradford. The club will be about hiking, cycling, canoeing and kayaking in summer, and cross-country skiing in winter. For more information, and meeting location, contact founder of the club, Linda Warman at ***wearenature@rogers.com***



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On Sunday, May 4, **Walk for MS** and a cure for Multiple Sclerosis. The Mandarin Walk for MS will start at the Newmarket Community Centre & Lions Hall, 220 Doug Duncan Dr. in Newmarket. Check in begins at 8:30 a.m., 5 or 10 Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. - with Closing Ceremonies and Awards at 11:30 a.m. To register or donate online see ***mssociety.ca*** Also, Walk for MS in Barrie.

Walk the Spine of Bradford

The BWG Active Transportation Committee will be walking a portion of the "Spine" of Bradford, a series of trails that run north-south through valleylands and parks, connecting Aishford St. at the south end of Town to the boardwalk at Tiger Tail Crescent. The complete distance is about 2.8 km

The BWG Active Transportation Committee is inviting the community to join the "Walk the Spine" Trail Walk, Saturday, May 3. Meet in front of the BWG Leisure Centre at 10 a.m. for a warm-up, followed by a 1-hour hike, led by members of the Committee. For details contact Nick Warman, Manager of Recreation, at 905-775-7529 ex. 8501 or ***nwarman@townofbwg.com***

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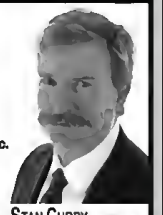


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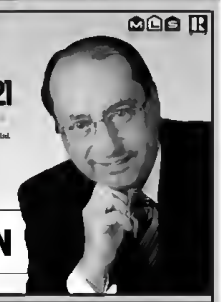
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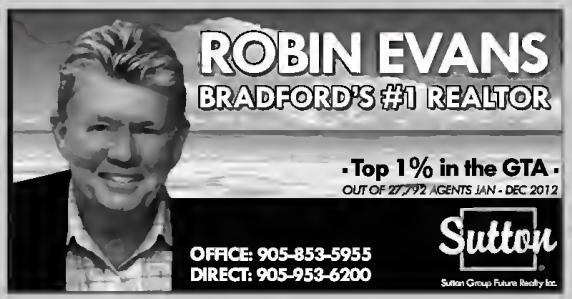
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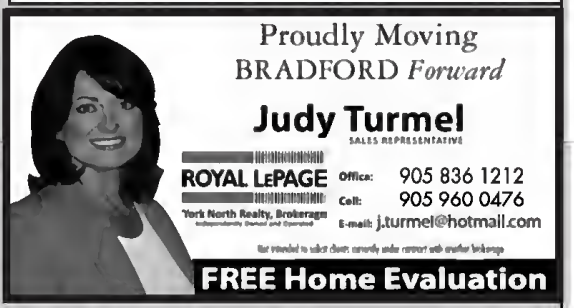
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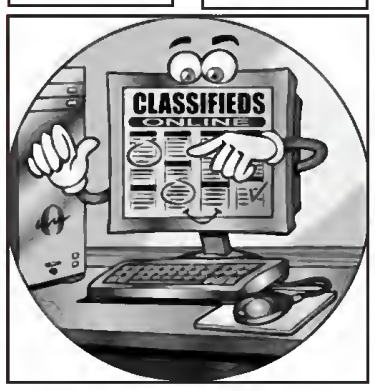
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Obituaries

POPOWICH, Rose - In her 90th year, peacefully passed away at her home in Bradford on Monday, April 21, 2014. Beloved wife of the late Bill Popowich. Loving mom of Harry (Pia), Don (Joanne) and Brian (Amy) Popowich. Dear grandma of Jamie, Ann, Tim, Daniel; Tori and Jessie. Rose will also be lovingly remembered by many family and friends. At Rose's request, cremation has taken place. Family and friends are welcome to celebrate Rose's life at an open house memorial being held on Sunday, June 22, 2014 from 2-4 p.m. at 5 Hulst Drive in Bradford. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford.

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Focus on Community

Easter Food Drive at Chris Hadfield Elementary School



Chris Hadfield Public School in Bradford held a week-long food drive for the local Helping Hand Food Bank. Organized by the Grade 5 class of Ms. Tran, the students set a goal of 450 items of non-perishable food, to help clients of the food bank have a happier Easter. In fact, they collected 598 items in only 6 days. Explained one student, "We want to help people have food, to have a good dinner" for the holidays.

Big idea, bigger dolls in Bradford

Mike G. Comeau is a veteran of U.N. Peacekeeping, recipient of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, and long-time Central-Ontario co-ordinator of the Izzy Doll program.

Izzy Dolls are small knitted or crocheted dolls, just big enough to fit in a Peacekeeper's pocket, designed to be handed out to children in war-torn areas, where conflict may have deprived them of their home, families and childhood. The dolls are named for Master Cpl. Mark Isfeld, who was killed on a peace-keeping mission in Croatia, in 1994. Before his death, MCpl. Isfeld sent home a photograph of a doll lying on the rubble of a bombed-out house, with the caption, "A little doll has lost her girl; a little girl has lost her doll." The photo inspired Isfeld's mother Carol to begin making the Izzy dolls, and later, larger "African Comfort Dolls" - used as packing material for fragile medical supplies shipped by ICROSS (International Community for the Relief of Starvation and Suffering) Canada, to Africa and other impoverished nations. Once the supplies are unpacked, the dolls are handed out to children in orphanages and clinics.

When MCpl. Isfeld was killed in action, Carol and a growing circle of volunteers continued to produce the dolls - and Mike Comeau has been collecting dolls knitted by volunteers in Central Ontario, to be shipped overseas by a group of health partner agencies.

Now there is a new variation on the dolls, thanks to Bradford resident Betty Coles. "They're very, very large dolls - much larger than we usually accept," Comeau said. "About 1' tall - big, huge, gorgeous dolls."

They may be too big to fit in Peacekeepers' pockets, or even to ship to Africa - but they are just right for older children, and kids in hospitals and orphanages, around the world.



Betty Coles and her husband Tom, a veteran of the regular Canadian Armed forces, delivered about 100 of the large dolls to Comeau's home, which is already stuffed with Izzy and Comfort Dolls, and knitted "Boomer caps," awaiting shipment overseas.

Cpl. (Ret.) Tom Coles served 20 years in the regular forces, beginning with the Royal Newfoundland Regiment in his home province. Military service is a family tradition. "My father served in both wars," he said; his son has been in the Armed Forces for 26 years. And Betty has enjoyed being part of the "military family," although it has meant moving every few years.

Now living in Bradford, making the dolls bas become Betty's hobby. "To be honest, I don't knit," she said, but she was inspired by the joy the dolls can give a child in a Third World country. "That's what I think about when I knit them - the smiles on their faces!"

From left, Mike Comeau, Tom and Betty Coles.

Mom2Mom Spring Sale

The Bradford **Mom2Mom Spring Sale** takes place Saturday, May 3 at a brand-new venue - the Zima Room of the Bradford Public Library, at 425 Holland St. West, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. This is a great opportunity for moms to turn those no-longer-needed children's items into cash, and to find gently-used kids' clothes, books, toys and more, at bargain prices. There are more vendor spots available for businesses and re-sale - but this year, all sale items must be children's items only. For more information, vendor details and registration forms, see ***www.bradfordmom2mom.com***

Momstown Celebration

Momstown of New Tecumseth & Bradford is hosting a launch and **Community Celebration** on Sunday, April 27, from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Bradford District High School, 70 Professor Day Drive. Admission is free, for face-painting, prizes, interactive activities, balloon animals, bouncy castle - and free swag bags for the first 100 families. Come out and see what Momstown has to offer, and join the Momstown Community Celebration! Presented by Bradford Family Dentistry. For more information, see ***www.bradford-newtecumseth.momstown.ca/mcc***

More for Mother's Day

The Elman W. Campbell Museum in Newmarket, 134 Main St. South, is hosting an **Old Fashioned Mother's Day Victorian Tea** on Saturday, May 10. Enjoy a variety of teas, old-fashioned sandwiches and sweets, served on vintage china by the Friends of the Museum. Wear a favourite hat - or borrow one from the Museum's collection! Cost is $10 per person; tickets must be purchased in advance, at the Museum. Two sittings, 1- 2 p.m., and 2:30-3:30 p.m. For more information, call 905-953-5314.

Marquee Mother's Day Mad Hatter's Tea Party at Pathways to Perennials, Saturday, May 10 at 11 a.m. in the private gardens of Hidcote Hideaway. Chef-prepared luncheon, flowers, fairies, prizes, and a special guest from Intentions Yoga. Wear your best Mad Hatter's hat, dress up in purple, and bring your mother, aunt, sister, best friend, etc. Tickets are $35 per person. RSVP to 905-936-8680 or see ***www.pathwaystoperennials.com***

The Gilford & District Horticultural Society **Spring Flower Show and Tea** on Saturday, May 10 at the Churchill Community Centre in Innisfil. Members bring in their spring blooms between 9:30 and 11 a.m., judging begins at 11 a.m., the Centre is open to the public, for viewing and $5 tea, from noon to 1:30 p.m. All welcome.



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The 6th Annual National Garage Sale For Shelter in support of the Royal LePage Shelter Foundation is set for Saturday May 10, 2014. We are now gratefully accepting items for the Garage Sale at our offices, 92 Holland St. W. in Bradford and 8 Bradford St. in Holland Landing. Proceeds from the Garage Sale for Shelter will benefit local charities. Donations will be accepted until May 6th, 2014.

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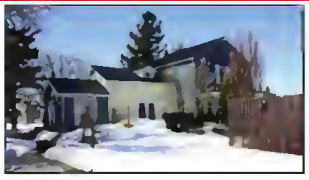




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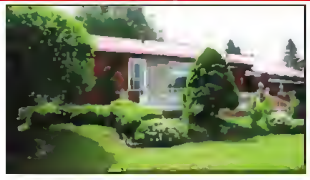




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